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LATERAL BURDEN SHARING AGREEMENT WILL REQUIRE AN ACT OF
POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF OUR ALLIES. QUIBBLING OVER
STATISTICS COULD BECOME A LONG, DRAWN OUT PROCESS WHICH
WOULD DELAY SUCH A DECISION. THE ONLY MEANS TO PUSH A
DECISION ON REMEDIAL ACTION BY THE ALLIES IS, IN THE
MISSIONS'S VIEW, TO COME TO RAPID AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL
ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF THE US MILITARY BOP DEFICIT IN THE
NATO BURDEN SHARING STUDY GROUP (THE GROUP'S NEXT MEETING
IS SEPTEMBER 28). (CONFIDENTIAL) USNATO BRUSSELS 4448,
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2. VIEW OF US-EC RELATIONS FROM BRUSSELS

AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE HAS CALLED FOR AN INSTITUTION-
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ALIZED MEANS OF ASSURING US INPUT TO THE EC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WHILE MEMBER STATES ARE STILL GOVERNED BY RESPONSIBLE, CENTRIST LEADERS WHO HAVE A PERSONAL FAMILIARITY WITH TWENTIETH CENTURY HISTORY, AND BEFORE THE EUROPEAN LEVERS OF POWER PASS TO A YOUNGER GENERATION "LESS BEHOLDEN" TO THE US. ANOTHER IMPORTANT DEFICIENCY OF THE EC DRAFT OUTLINE RECENTLY GIVEN US, IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, IS ITS LACK OF EMPHASIS ON WESTERN SECURITY. IF THE US CAN ACCEPT DECLARATIONS BOTH WITH THE EC AND NATO, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE TWO DEFICIENCIES CAN BE PUT RIGHT. (SECRET) BRUSSELS 5407, 9/21 (EXDIS).

3. BRITISH CONSIDER DECLARATION MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

TWO MIDDLE-LEVEL FCO OFFICIALS TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THEY CONSIDER THE EC AGREEMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO BE A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT. ONE STRESSED A NUMBER OF (FAMILIAR) FACTORS THAT MADE COMMON MARKET ADOPTION OF A COMMON POSITION ON BURDEN SHARING "ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE." (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 10877, 9/21 (LIMDIS).

4. HUNGARY, THE DENT VISIT, AND MFN

IN AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 22, BUDAPEST MTI HAD AN ITEM ON A 9/22 STORY IN THE PAPER VILAGGAZDASAG (WORLD ECONOMY) ON SECRETARY DENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT. COMMENTING ON THE NEWS OF HIS IMPENDING ARRIVAL, THE PAPER SAID THAT MFN FOR HUNGARY IS A "LIKELY PROPOSITION," BUT THAT THE CONTINGENCY OF THE CONGRESS RAISING DIFFICULTIES CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT HUNGARY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ACCORDED MFN JUST ON THE BASIS OF ITS ACCESSION TO GATT, BUT THAT THE USA MAY REQUIRE SOME "DOUBTFUL FACTORS" IN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WITH CONDITIONS NOT EQUIVALENT (COMMENT: PRESUMABLY HARSHER) THAN THOSE OTHER LEADING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES HAVE SET SINCE HUNGARY'S SECRET

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GATT ACCESSION. NEVERTHELESS, THE ARTICLE ACCENTUATES THE POSITIVE BY NOTING THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US FIRMS IN FERTILIZER MANUFACTURE, MOTOR CAR AND OTHER MACHINE COMPONENTS, THE ALUMINUM AND OIL INDUSTRIES, ETC. (UNCLASSIFIED) FBIS 91, 9/22.

5. MORE COMMENTS ON POMPIDOU'S CHINA TRIP

BOTH EMBASSY PARIS AND USLO PEKING CONFIRMED CHINESE PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SOVIET MENACE DURING PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S RECENT TRIP. ON ECONOMIC ITEMS OF INTEREST, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT TOLD AMBASSADOR IRWIN THAT THE CHINESE ARE CONCERNED AT THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF JAPAN'S GREAT ECONOMIC POWER, AND INDICATED THEY WOULD EVEN WELCOME

JAPANESE REARMAMENT BECAUSE OF "THE BURDEN IT WOULD PLACE ON THE JAPANESE ECONOMY." JOBERT ALSO SAID THE CHINESE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE US AND JAPAN COOPERATING IN SIBERIAN MINERAL EXPLOITATION. USLO PEKING REPORTS THE FRENCH ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT NO FURTHER PROGRESS

WAS MADE ON FIRING UP AGREEMENT ON CONCORDE PURCHASES. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 24959, 9/21 (EXDIS) AND (CONFIDENTIAL) USLO PEKING 1101, 9/21.

6. LITTLE SUBSTANCE IN OHIRA-SOAMES MEETING

A FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY TOKYO THAT THE DISCUSSION AT JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA'S MEETING WITH EC VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES FOLLOWING THE GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS LIMITED TO GENERALITIES, WITH SOAMES COMMENTING ON THE NEED FOR JAPAN TO AVOID CONCENTRATING ON SPECIFIC EXPORT PRODUCTS IN EC MARKETS AND OHIRA AGREEING, NOTING THAT JAPAN WAS TRYING TO DIVERSIFY TO AVOID THE TYPE OF PROBLEMS THAT HAD DEVELOPED IN US-JAPAN TRADE. THE OFFICIAL SAID JAPAN'S OVERALL TRADE BALANCE SURPLUS WITH THE EC IS RUNNING AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR (APPROXIMATELY 1.3 BILLION DOLLARS). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TOKYO 12283, 9/21.

7. INDONESIA TRADE MINISTER ON LNG TALKS STATUS

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INDONESIAN TRADE MINISTER RADIUS TOLD AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH THAT INDONESIA HAD MADE NO COMMITMENTS ON THE AMOUNT OF LNG TO BE SUPPLIED TO JAPAN, AND CONFIRMED INDONESIA'S INTEREST IN SELLING TO BOTH JAPAN AND THE US. RADIUS SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE HAD NO OFFICIAL INDICATION OF US INTEREST, AND LAUGHINGLY CHARACTERIZED UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AND FLANIGAN'S APPROACH IN TOKYO AS "LOBBYING." HE EMPHASIZED THAT LNG PROJECT FINANCING AND GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT PROGRAMS WILL DETERMINE SUPPLY COMMITMENTS AND SAID THAT THE US IS UNABLE TO MATCH THE JAPANESE EXIM BANK'S OFFER. AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH TOLD RADIUS THAT OUR EXIM BANK'S PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT ON THE PROJECT CONSTITUTES "OFFICIAL" USG INTEREST THAT ITS OFFER IS COMPETITIVE WHEN ALL FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED; AND EXPLAINED THE LEADING ROLE OF PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE US CASE. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT RADIUS' MANDATE IN THE LNG FIELD UP TO NOW HAS BEEN LIMITED TO DISCUSSION WITH THE GOJ, AND IT WILL COMMENT FURTHER AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF MINES. (CONFIDENTIAL) JAKARTA 11307, 9/21 (NOTE: PASSED EXIM BANK).

8. MITSUBISHI TO INVEST \$400 MILLION IN SAUDI ARABIA

A MITSUBISHI OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TOKYO THAT THE FIRM REACHED AGREEMENT RECENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH PETROMIN ON JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR A METHANOL PLANT AND A PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN SAUDI ARABIA. ASSUMING

THE STUDIES ARE SATISFACTORY, THE TWO WILL EACH INVEST \$400 MILLION IN NEW FACILITIES WHICH WILL USE SAUDI NATURAL GAS. THE SOURCE SAID IF MISUBISHI CAN SHOW THAT A JOINT VENTURE LNG PLANT IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE SAUDIS THAN THE METHANOL PLANT (WHICH MISUBISHI DOESN'T REALLY WANT), IT HAS INDICATIONS FROM PETROMIN THAT THE LATTER MAY REVERSE ITS COMMITMENT TO DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH ARAMCO ON LNG. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12281, 9/21. KISSINGER

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